WOLF HOPPER, comedian Charles Dillingham's "Everything," at the Hippohas raised so many laughs from the theatregoing public in his long career that if laid end to end they would probably encircle the globe with recurrent flashes of merriment for a full generation. He is the lonely survivor of a group of famous funmakers. With only one or two exceptions the big figures in his world have quit the stage, either through death or retirement. Jefferson De Angelis' is still the head, in partnership with the new zlowning it, and Richard Carle ap- star, who made his debut in "Our pears intermittently. James T. Powers made his most recent public appearance a season or so ago. Some of the mained for him to embark in a play group of dialect comedians, like Joe somewhat prophetically entitled "One Cawthorne, Sam Bernard, Lew Fields Hundred Wives," which went broke in and Louis Mann are still drawing to get back to New York as best he laughs from the crowd, but these were

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dead, and the names of Thomas Q gallery. Seabrooke, Digby Bell and Otis Harlan are fast becoming only memories. There has probably never been a characterzation of the comedian than the one written in 1890 by some chronicler of the stage. "The bare mention of his name," runs part of the pen picture, "suggests a most grotesque personality, with absurd and bnormal physical developments and never failing, laughter provoking mannerisms. Quite in contrast with this conception is the tall broad shouldered young man with the sinewy grace of an athlete; a fine clear cut animated face; dark blue eyes as full of enthu-siasm and delight over existence as a boy's at his first circus, but indicative of an integrity of character and purpose which command respect; a modern Mark Tapley, bound to be jolly, with a flow of words arranged in most inimitably droll phrasing, without an atom of the traditional egotism of actors. A woman would say of Mr. Hopper's personality that she liked his face because it inspires confidence, and

gentleman in the highest sense of the William De Wolf Hopper was born

his manner, in which despite the con-

stant ebullition of good natured jolity there is a certain fine courtesy that

makes him under all circumstances a

THE NEW CINEMAS.

The adventures of Private Peat "Two Years in Hell and Back," which have gained fame in book form, will be thrown on the screen at the Rivoli this

week. "Thirty a Week," at the Rialto, is the story of a chauffeur who runs away with the daughter of his millionaire employer. Tom Moore and Tallulah Bankhead have the leading roles.

"The Romance of Tarzan"

visualizes for Strand patrons the concluding chapters of "Tarzan of the Apes." Elmo Lincoln

of the Apes." Elmo Lincoln portrays the man monkey, and Enid Markey is the woman star. America's hidden foes at work in the land is the subject of "The Yellow Dog," taken from the Saturday Evening Post story, which will be shown at the Broadway, and for four days at the Symphony Theatre.

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At Loew's New York Theatre and Roof, Bessie Barriscale in "The Heart of Rachel," and Gladys Brockwell in "Kultur"

Gladys Brockwell in Kultur figure in the first two of the week's daily bills.

"Salome," the spectacle of Jerusalem under Herod, with Theda Bara in the title role, is

apparently settling down for a long run at the Forty-fourth Street Theatre.

D. W. Griffith's "Hearts of the World" takes a second lease on life at the Knickerbocker Thea-

Tiffanys, Perrys, Lawrences and As-pinwalls. The old homestead at Bris- with which he had been wont to roar ol. L. I., is one of the historic land- and rant. He learned that a small cio," marks of the countryside. His father was a lawyer of Quaker

stock, and it was planned that the comic effect issuing from his burly youngster should follow in his father's frame. Shortly afterward he became ootsteps as a student of Blackstone In fact it is on record that he pursued Theatre Company, under Daniel this vocation for six months in one of he foremost law offices of New York. Long before that though he had made a theatre of his father's barn and a successful stock company of his small companions. Two pieces, both written by Hopper, called "My Uncle's Mill" and "The Two Buzzards," were produced with complete success. Hopper also foreshadowed his masterly rendition of "Casey at the Bat" by his delivery of a funny stump speech in character at the conclusion of these performances. The whole outfit actually went on a tour of the church sociables in the surrounding towns nd concluded the first season with \$42 to the credit of each member of the troupe.

son than followed when Hopper actually broke into the theatrical world at the age of 21 with a fortune of \$50,-300 left him by his father burning a nole in his pocket. The Criterion Comedy Company, with Jacob Gosche at



Hathancay in "May Blossom."

profitable art of "gagging" arias, of singing topical songs where the voice sacrificed to articulation. It was in the autumn of 1885, with the Mc-Opera Company, that Hopper began his series of great successes in roles that have become classics of the American comic opera stage,

He appeared first in the role of Pomerat in "Desire" at the Broad Street Opera House, Philadelphia, and

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Tiffanys, Perrys, Lawrences and As-Sold by Her Sister," "Falka," "Boccac-"The Crowing Hen," "Clover," "Fatanitza," "The Begum" and "Cap-tain Fracasse." His two most sucvoice, the broken hesitating voice of adolescence, produced a vastly more cessful characters were Gen. Ollendorf in "The Beggar Student," with its a member of the Madison Square famous song, "In a Moment of Rap-



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was the first venture, which succeeded Bunthorne in "Patience," of the Scrfairly well on the road after an indifferent run in New York. Mr. Hopper was left to finish the tour on his and of Lord Chancellor in "Iolanthe." too many other projects to attend to. The following year, in May of 1891, generation of theatregoers, and the he made his first appearance in what gratification of knowing that to them was destined to be the most famous of all his roles, that of the Regent of verting humor, which was the most Siam, in "Wang," originally known as "King Cole," This was at the Broadway Theatre in New York. He played "Wang" for two seasons and then and experience, as his Deadeye and came "The Panjandrum" for a single Ko-Ko clearly attested. season. "Dr. Syntax" and two Sousa operas, "The Charlatan" and "El Capi-played straight comedy roles and tan," followed, Hopper presenting the entered the holy bonds of matrimony, latter in London in 1899. This was with the public sometimes showing a scored a hit, being promptly estab- followed by "Dr. Pickwick" and a re-lished as principal comedian of the vival of "Wang," which Hopper put prises. In the former field he ap-



on in London under the tess attractive title of "The Magic Kiss"

When he considered the possibilities of "Wang" fairly exhausted, Mr. Hop-per sought another congenial role and

King Ecstatieus. Never, however, has Mr. Hopper eached such pinnacles of fine, clean the series of Gilbert and Sullivan roles, when these operas were revived not so long ago by the Shuberts. In the ring career under the management of Locke and Davis. "Castles in the Air" Deadeye in "Pinafore" of Dick geant of Police in "The Pirates of Penzance," of Ko-Ko in "The Mikado Mr. Hopper had the joy of introducing these, sparkling operettas to a new he brought a species of new and dipotent factor in the great success of the revivals. His art had not fallen off, but rather brightened with years

In odd moments Mr. "Hopper has

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peared as Falstaff in "The Merry treatment. Mr. Williams will follow Wives of Windsor" and as David in a the production of "Sleeping Partners" star production of "The Rivals," where with a satirical comedy, "Morals," by his fellow actors were Joseph Jeffer- Ludwig Thomas. This is the play that

almost anything once.
His matrimonial experiences have career. His first wife was Ella Gardiner, whom he married at the very outset of his career. She was the daughter of a minstrel, and her successor was a pretty member of the chorus named Ida Moeher. After divorcing trange, and H. B. Warner in "Sleeping wife number two Hopper courted the dainty little Edna Wallace, whom he married in 1893. Five years later there was another divorce, wife num-ber four being Nellia Reardon Bergen, an actress whom Hopper installed as his prima donna.

In 1913 the couple were divorced and Mr. Hopper one month later mar-ried his fifth and present wife, Ella Curry, also an actress.

In regard to his long success on the stage perhaps the comedian's own words are most illuminating.

"I have a theory," says Mr. Hopper, "that no real actor can study acting to advantage, for one is apt to acquire the expense of originality. I do not believe that the art of producing a real laugh or a real tear is one that can be learned. Of course there is a certain mechanism, a few details of technique, that one may be taught.

In consequence of the success of the put' on "The Matinee Idol" and Sacha Guitry comedy "Sleeping Part-"Happyland," in the latter playing ners," John D. Williams has changed his season's plans to the extent of deciding upon the immediate New York production of two other Conticut comedy work as he showed in nental comedies in the belief that through the international relations that have grown out of the war the prevalling local theatre taste for some time to come will incline to comedies and dramas Continental in theme and

Brooklyn Vaudeville.

The bill at the Orpheum includes such stellar attractions as Eddie and the Younger Foys, the Avon Comedy Four, Rae Eleanor and Brother, Milo? Eleanor and Brother. whose name is always followed by an interrogation point, and Lester Sheehan and Pearl Regay. At the Bushwick the spectacu

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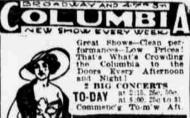
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